

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 269, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by a voice vote. **Pages H8934–37**

Private Property Rights Implementation Act: By a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 519, the House passed H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution. **Page H8940**

Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages H8963–64**

Agreed To:

The Traficant amendment that requires that whenever a Federal agency takes an agency action limiting the use of private property, the agency shall give notice to the owners explaining their rights. **Pages H8955–56**

Rejected:

The Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute that strikes Section 2, allowing property owners to appeal local land use decisions in Federal courts and establishes an expedited process for land use disputes with the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 518). **Pages H8956–61**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H8964**

The House agreed to H. Res. 271, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–335, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H8938–40**

Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to consider an amendment offered by Representative Traficant, as though printed in the report accompanying the rule. **Pages H8950–51**

Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak. Consideration of amendments will begin on October 23. **Pages H8972–78**

The House agreed to H. Res. 270, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H8964–72**

FDA Regulatory Modernization Act: The House insisted on its amendments to S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products and asked for a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Barton of Texas, Greenwood, Burr, Whitefield, Dingell, Brown of Ohio, Waxman, and Klink. **Page H8978**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8961, H8963–64, and H8971–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT REPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Government Performance Results Act Report. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Acting Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING—BLACK-MARKET PESO BROKERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review law enforcement efforts to combat international money laundering occurring through "black-market peso brokering". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Allen Doody, Assistant Director, Operations, U.S. Customs Service; Greg Passic, Senior Special Agent, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Al James, Senior Special Agent, Criminal Investigation Division, IRS; and "Ms. Doe," former money launderer utilized by the Colombian drug cartels.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also

the following bills: H.R. 338, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1230, Consumers Electric Power Act of 1997; H.R. 1359, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; and H.R. 1960, Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Stephen Wright, Vice President, National Relations, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; George Costello, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; John Hanger, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

READING EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2614, Reading Excellence Act.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT; FEDERAL EMPLOYEES LIFE INSURANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act.

ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the Administration's Policy Toward South Asia. Testimony was heard from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State.

IMPACT OF CHILD LABOR ON FREE TRADE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on the Impact of Child Labor on Free Trade. Testimony was heard from Andrew Samet, Acting Deputy Secretary, International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TVA AND FEDERAL POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS—APPLICATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Application of the Antitrust Laws to the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Federal Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from Ed Christenbury, General Counsel, TVA; Douglas

Smith, Deputy General Counsel, Energy Policy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the President's line item veto action on the fiscal year 1998 Defense and Military Construction Appropriations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Clair F. Gill, USA, Director, Army Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Financial Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Director, Budget, Financial Management Division, Department of the Navy; and Maj. Gen. George T. Stringer, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; H.R. 434, amended, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico; S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations; H.R. 1739, amended, BWCAW Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative; H.R. 2283, amended, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997; and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2646, Educational Savings Accounts for Public and Private Schools Act of 1997. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule also provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the further amendment printed in part 2 of the report, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, against which all points of order are waived, which shall be considered as read for amendment and shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony

was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Rangel.

LOAN PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs and their effectiveness in serving economically distressed and disadvantaged areas. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997.

BILLS VETOED

H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortion. Vetoed October 10, 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to continue hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45 (Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998), 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command and for appointment to the grade of general, and Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and for appointment to the grade of general, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 4:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine public pension programs in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to mark up certain provisions of legislation relating to intermodal transportation safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the issue of peaceful nuclear cooperation with China, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument, and S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers flood control project at Devils Lake, North Dakota, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine United States economic and strategic interests in the Caspian Sea region, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E2053-54 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.